

GENEROUS

2 CORINTHIANS 8-9

Week 1

In light of the current state of the economy, which is affecting many members of our congregation as well as many of our neighbors, it is appropriate to look at what it means to live generous lives in light of the gospel as a witness to a generous God.

Principals of Generosity

1. Generosity reveals Gods Grace 2 Cor 8: 1-6

How is our church similar to the church at Corinth?

What was the state of Macedonia according to these verses?

How did they respond to hardship?

How do you respond to hardship in your life with regard to generosity?

What does your response reveal about God and His grace?

2. Generosity is a Spiritual gift 2 Cor 8: 7

Do you have the gift of generosity or do you need to work at it?

Did you cringe when you realized we were talking about giving? Why?

3. Generosity reminds us of the Jesus' Cross 2 Cor 8: 8-9

How does the cross effect your bank statement?

In what ways has God been generous to you?

How does generosity preach the gospel to those in need?

What do you finances say about your theology?

4. Generosity is measured proportionally 2 Cor 8: 10-12

Are you generous in proportion to your ability? Why or why not?

How does our generosity reveal our heart and our idols?

5. Generosity enables equality 2 Cor 8: 13-15

What are the opportunities that we have to bless those in need?

How has God called us to serve through generosity?

6. Generosity requires godly stewardship 2 Cor 8: 16-23

What does it look like to worship God with our money?

Have you been worshiping money or putting your trust in it rather than God?

How has your stewardship enabled or hindered your ability to be generous?

Being completely honest, what keeps you from being generous?